

§ 1700.27 Loan security activities.

In carrying out its program, and in the interest of loan security, the Agency requires periodic reports of borrowers on operations, annual audits, etc., and provides specialized and technical accounting, engineering, and other managerial assistance to borrowers with respect to the construction and operation of their facilities, to help them establish efficient and economical service in rural areas.

§ 1700.28 Issuances implementing procedure.

There are available from RUS, upon request:

- (a) Basic forms of loan agreements; and
- (b) Rules and bulletins issued from time to time which implement the loan agreements and the Agency's policies and procedures.

§ 1700.29 [Reserved]

Subpart C—Public Information

§ 1700.30 Availability of Agency publications and other information, and collection of public comments to proposed rules.

(a) 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) requires that certain materials be made available for public inspection and copying.

(b) The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) issues from time to time notices and regulations in the FEDERAL REGISTER as well as bulletins, informational publications, and staff instructions in order to:

(1) Implement the provisions of the RE Act and the loan and security instruments;

(2) Establish Agency procedures; and

(3) Assist electric and telephone borrowers in the design, operation, and maintenance of their systems.

(c) Information about availability and costs of Agency publications and other Agency materials is available from Publications and Directives Management Branch, Administrative Services Division, Rural Utilities Service, Room 0180, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1500.

(d) RUS will provide for the distribution of indexes of publications in con-

formance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2). Single copies of individual bulletins, informational publications, staff instructions, and forms, including forms of basic loan and security instruments, are available to borrowers and other members of the public either directly from RUS, from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC 20402, or from another source to be established by RUS. Costs for these publications are established in conformance with 7 CFR part 1. Initial copies of Bulletins directed to RUS borrowers are provided at no cost to those borrowers.

(e) RUS requires that all persons submitting comments to a proposed rule published by the Agency submit a signed original and three copies of their comments to the address shown in the preamble to the proposed rule. Copies of comments submitted are available to the public in conformance with 7 CFR part 1.

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§ 1700.31 Indexes.

5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) requires that each agency publish or otherwise make available a current index of all materials required to be made available for public inspection and copying. RUS will maintain and publish current indexes and quarterly supplements thereto, providing identifying information for all RUS Bulletins and for staff manuals and instructions made available pursuant to § 1700.30. Requests for copies should be addressed, in person or by mail, to the Office of the Director, Administrative Services Division, Room 0168—South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1500.

§ 1700.32 Requests for records.

Requests for records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) shall be made in accordance with 7 CFR 1.6(a) and addressed to Office of the Director, Legislative and Public Affairs Staff, Rural Utilities Service, room 4043, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250–1500. A request shall describe the records sought as set forth in 7 CFR 1.6(b). A charge may be made